

**TOWN OF IRMO
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
March 16, 2021**

The Irmo Town Council held a public hearing and a regular meeting on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Council Members in attendance were Mayor Walker, Councilwoman Condom, Councilmen Busch, Danielson and Sickinger. Others present were Mr. Robert Brown, Town Administrator; Police Chief Courtney Dennis; Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk and Mr. Jake Moore, Town Attorney.

The agenda was published and posted on Friday, March 12, 2021 to meet FOIA requirements.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Walker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked if anyone was present to speak on Ordinance 21-02 to rezone Richland County TMS# 03300-03-46 from Planned Development District (PDD) to General Commercial (CG).

Mr. Craig Waites, Vice President of Colliers International, spoke on behalf of the property owner stating the intended use was a grocery store and he is currently working with Richland County Sewer and SC Department of Transportation (SCDOT). No one else spoke, therefore the public hearing was closed at 7:02 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Walker called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and Mr. Danielson led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the Invocation.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the February 16, 2021 minutes and Mrs. Condom seconded. The vote for approval as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve the March 2, 2021 minutes and Mr. Busch seconded. The vote for approval as submitted was unanimous.

REPORT OF STANDING:

A. Administrative Briefing – Mr. Brown furnished a written briefing to Town Council in their packets.

B. Mr. Sickinger welcomed the following new businesses to the Town of Irmo:
Lake Murray Axe Throwing, Charleston ENT Associates, Decision Dynamics, S&S Medical Supplies, Sprint Spectrum and The Richard Firm

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Town Council awarded a “Small Business of the Month” Plaque to Chuck and Debbie Wade, owner of “Fully Promoted” located at 7249 St. Andrews Road.
- B. Town Council presented Dr. Tripp Jones with a Proclamation honoring Lexington Medical Center’s 50th year in existence. Mayor Walker expressed a deep appreciation for the relationship with Irmo. Dr. Jones spoke on behalf on the Board of Trustees, Board of Directors and over 7,000 employees on how proud they are to be associated with Town of Irmo.
- C. Town Council presented a Proclamation to Mr. & Mrs. Keith proclaiming March as “Hemophilia Awareness Month”.
- D. Christina Brundage gave a presentation highlighting amenities and rules for a neighborhood Dog Park.
- E. Mayor Walker stated there was a free COVIC-19 testing site at the Irmo Community Park.
- F. Mayor Walker announced that the Friarsgate Recreation Park was going to be updated.
- G. Mayor Walker stated that the H.R. 1319 - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 would be distributing funds to municipalities prior to June 2021 along with rules and regulations.
- H. Mr. Sickinger warned citizens of the chance of severe weather Wednesday and Thursday, March 17th, and 18th.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mrs. Meyers – 232 Elstow Road, addressed Council on Item “E” under New Business
Maggie Mae – Elstow Road, addressed Council on Item “E” under New Business
Clint Davis – 236 Elstow Road, addressed Council on Item “E” under New Business

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 21-02 TO REZONE RICHLAND COUNTY TMS# 03300-03-46 (LOCATED ALONG KOON ROAD) FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) (STAFF)

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve, and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger stated he agrees with the Planning Commission and is in favor of General Commercial (CG) zoning. Mr. Danielson agrees, but feels the ingress and egress will cause a traffic problem. Mr. Busch and Mrs. Condom also agree with the proposed zoning and traffic concerns. Mr. Waites stated that SCDOT granted the access location. Mayor Walker stated that Richland County still has plans to widen Broad River Road in the future. Mayor

Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Nay”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 21-01 HONORING DR. TRIPP JONES FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT TOWARD THE TOWN OF IRMO (CONDOM)

Mrs. Condom made a motion to approve, and Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. Mrs. Condom stated she met Dr. Jones and his wife Anne in 1989 and he has been fighting for the Town of Irmo ever since. Mr. Danielson spoke of the life-saving care Dr. Jones gave to Mrs. Danielson while treating her cancer 30 years ago and stated he is a wonderful man. Mr. Sickinger stated that the impact of Dr. Jones and Lexington Medical Center were synonymous. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

C. APPROVAL TO CONTRACT WITH HYBRID ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,957.00 TO PREPARE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE BLUE GRANITE SEWER SYSTEM ACQUISITION (COUNCIL)

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve, and Mayor Walker seconded it. Mr. Sickinger stated his approval for the study. Mayor Walker stated the need for the study to understand what the system is worth as well as the cost for repairs and maintenance. Mr. Busch made an amended motion to defer the approval until the next regular meeting on April 20th. Mr. Danielson seconded the motion. Mrs. Condom stated she is against purchasing Blue Granite, but says the study needs to be done. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote for the amended motion: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Nay” and Mayor Walker voted “Nay”.

D. APPROVAL TO SUBMIT POLICE RADIO GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$187,200.00 (STAFF)

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve, and Mr. Busch seconded the motion. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Aye”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

E. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED SKATE-PARK PLAN (MAYOR)

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to approve, and Mayor Walker seconded the motion. Mr. Sickinger asked about the specific location of the skate-park. Mr. Cartin with the skate-park committee, stated that the proposed skate-park would be located in the center of the lot and towards the back near the railroad tracks. He further stated that Council approval is needed before they raise money for an engineer to draw a plan with the exact location. Mr. Danielson emphasized the importance of a master plan for all three areas, the Community Garden, Dog Park and Skate-Park. Mayor Walker called upon Mrs. Racine for a rollcall vote: Mr. Busch voted “Aye”, Mrs. Condom voted “Nay”, Mr. Danielson voted “Aye”, Mr. Sickinger voted “Aye” and Mayor Walker voted “Aye”.

PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS:

Mr. Wade DeLoach - 156 Finsbury Road, addressed Council on the one-year anniversary of Irmo Outreach, LLC and would like to start a fundraiser event in the Irmo Community Park to help others in

the community. The fundraiser will be called "Food Truck Friday" and would like to begin on May 30th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and run through October, offering raffles and prizes.

DISCUSSION:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Sickinger made a motion to go into executive session regarding contractual / legal advice regarding Nexx Level Sports and Mrs. Condom seconded. The vote was unanimous; therefore, the Mayor, Council, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Moore went into executive session at 8:51 p.m. Mayor Walker called the meeting back to order at 9:01 p.m. and stated no votes were taken.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Sickinger made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Busch seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Barry A. Walker, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Vi Racine, Municipal Clerk